



Approved:

**Meeting of  
May 3, 2018**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE **REGULAR BOYNE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING** HELD AT 5:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018.

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**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Sheean at 5:00 p.m.

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**Roll Call**

Present: Mike Sheean, Hugh Conklin, Diane Sterling, Jo Bowman, Tom Smith, Gow Litzenburger and Greg Vadnais

Absent: Lisa Alexander

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**Meeting Attendance**

City Staff: Streets/Parks & Recreation Superintendent Andy Kovolski and Recording Secretary Barb Brooks

Public Present: three (3)

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**\*\*MOTION**

**Conklin moved, Smith seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** to excuse the absence of Lisa Alexander

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**Approval of Minutes  
\*\*MOTION**

**Smith moved, Bowman seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion approving the April 5, 2018 meeting minutes as presented.

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**Citizens Comments  
(on non-agenda items)**

None

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**Director's Report**

Kovolski reported that there were some broken plumbing line issues in several of the parks buildings that are currently being repaired to get ready for the season. Sprucing up of Rivermouth bathrooms is currently underway and will be completed before Memorial Day weekend.

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**Correspondence**

Recording secretary Brooks gave an update on the County Parks Millage applications that were submitted... all three were approved.

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**Reports of Officers,  
Boards, and Standing  
Committees**

**Park Inspection Reports** – Avalanche is finally clear of snow. There are some trees down but the trails aren't bad considering all of the heavy snowfall.

**User Group Reports** – Michele Carter, representing the dog park updated the board on scheduled spring clean-up date and that they are still moving forward with agility area. Dead and dying trees still need to be addressed as falling branches are a major safety concern and falling trees could take out the fencing.

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**Unfinished Business**

**Tennis Court Update**

Core samples have been taken and engineers will review the information to determine the cause of the cracking.

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**Brochure Update**

Board members will review the copy and get any suggestions or corrections

back to staff by Wednesday. A draft will be available for review by the next meeting.

**Rivermouth Restroom  
Grant Applications  
Update**

Brooks reported that both applications were submitted by the required deadline and accepted as complete for review. Vadnais added that he reached out to his contact with at the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) and stated that she was going to watch for our application and put in a good word.

**Open Space Acquisition  
Update and RFP**

DNR staff are still reviewing the appraisal documents but things are progressing for the acquisition. Kovolski stated that he was waiting to hear more news regarding the acquisition before we move forward with an RFP for design and engineering.

**New Business**

**Proposed Mountain  
Bike Trail on City  
Owned Property**

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Michael Cortright and other members of the Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association (TOMBA) are interested in constructing a mountain bike trail on the City's property in Evangeline Township. The property is located off Old Horton Bay Rd. and Erickson Rd. near the School Forest Mountain Bike Trail. Cortright shared some statistics based on Glacial Hills in Bellaire regarding the number of visitors and economic impact to the community. Between Avalanche, the School Forest and if we add this proposed trail, we have the potential for a bronze trail designation thru the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA). There are only two other bronze trail systems in Michigan. Michelle Cortright, representing Evangeline Township stated the board is in favor of this activity and fully supports this type of recreational use. Michael Cortright added that TOMBA volunteers are looking for a project to take on, which could be anywhere in Northern Michigan as they are a regional organization. If they take on a project in another community, it might be difficult to get them back to Boyne City.

The board discussed parking concerns, possible easement to connect the School Forest Trail and other possible uses on the property and property value. The City Manager will be meeting with a forester to see how much if any value there would be in select harvesting of the trees. The general consensus of the board was they like the idea and think it is a good use for the property but feel they need more information before they make a recommendation to move forward.

**Proposed Pump Track  
Proposal at Avalanche**

Michael Cortright and members of TOMBA are interested in constructing a "Pump Track" aka bike skills training track at Avalanche. This would be a unique opportunity as it would be the only one in the area and one of just a few in Michigan. The track does not require a lot of land and is made for people of all ages and experience levels. The base of Avalanche would be a perfect location as it is fairly flat and on the same campus as the newly built mountain bike trails and other recreational activities and in town where kids can easily access it. The board tossed around other location ideas but saw the benefit of locating it Avalanche. The general consensus was to make sure this is considered during the Avalanche Master Planning process.

Brooks passed out a draft RFP for Avalanche master planning and requested the board look it over and provide feedback.

**Park Inspection  
Assignments**

The board reviewed the list of park areas signed up to check on them periodically and report any concerns or issues and the general status. There is not a set schedule on when or how often board members visit the park. If there is a concern or issue that needs immediate attention it should be reported to staff. Observations and suggestions can be brought forward at board meetings for further discussion.

**Election of Officers  
\*\*MOTION**

After board discussion, Conklin moved, Litzenburger seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to elect Sheean as board chair and Bowman as vice chair.

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**Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 5 pm at City Hall.

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**Adjournment**

The May 3, 2018 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Barb Brooks, Recording Secretary

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